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CALTRANS AWARDS GRANT MONEY TO LOCAL GROUPS

Eureka – Caltrans is pleased to announce the award of Transportation Planning Grants for the 2008-09 fiscal year. One group in Lake County, and three in Mendocino County, will receive a total of \$445,860 in grant funding which was applied for and awarded on a competitive basis.

The Transportation Planning Grant program complements the Governor's Strategic Growth Plan for transportation, which reduces congestion below today's levels while accommodating future transportation needs from growth in the population and the economy. The Governor's Strategic Growth Plan incorporates GoCalifornia, a plan designed to decrease congestion, improve travel times, and increase safety.

Lake County/City Area Planning Council will receive \$160,000 for their "State Route 53 Corridor Study." This project will evaluate current and future traffic conditions, with a primary emphasis on access points, including future interchange locations and designs, and develop preliminary long-term plans to address highway and local road needs.

City of Fort Bragg will receive \$75,889 for their "South Fort Bragg Bicycle and Pedestrian Access Plan." This project involves reaching out to under-represented citizens and developing a comprehensive plan to improve pedestrian and bicycle mobility and access along the busy South Main Street corridor.

Mendocino Council of Governments (MCOG) will receive \$148,000 for their "Community Action Plan – City of Point Arena." This project will create a downtown streetscape and parking plan by evaluating crosswalk locations, bike lanes, pathways, current parking, traffic circulation and access, and the existing discontinuity of sidewalks.

MCOG and Mendocino Transit Authority will receive \$61,971 for their "Commute Transportation Study for Mendocino County." This project will focus on the development of a Commute Transportation Plan between the outlying inland communities of Mendocino County to the City of Ukiah, and the potential demand for commute service between the Willits and Ukiah areas to Sonoma County.





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Transportation Planning Grants are intended to promote strong and healthy communities, economic growth, and protection of our environment. In accepting these grants, these groups agree to be a partner with Caltrans in our common mission to improve mobility and the quality of life in California. Funding for these grant programs is contingent on the passage of the 2008-09 State budget.

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